POTASH & PHOSPHATE INSTITUTE
POTASH REPORT SUMMARY
(Short Tons K2O)

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	CANADIAN PRODUCERS 1990	1989	Change %	UNITED STATES PRODUCERS 1990	1989	Change %	TOTAL CANADIAN & U.S. PRODUCERS 1990	1989	Change %
Beginning Inventory	1,698,325	2,071,183	-18.0%	346,733	319,997	8.4%	2,045,058	2,391,180	-14.5%
(+) Production	473,461	599,182	-21.0%	160,533	152,313	5.4%	633,994	751,495	-15.6%
(-) Ending Inventory	1,402,938	1,759,494	-20.3%	326,636	333,961	-2.2%	1,729,574	2,093,455	-17.4%
(=) Total Disappearance	768,848	910,871	-15.6%	180,630	138,349	30.6%	949,478	1,049,220	-9.5%
(-) Exports	278,789	268,490	3.8%	68,363	13,188	418.4%	347,152	281,678	23.2%
(=) Disappearance-Canada & United States	490,059	642,381	-23.7%	112,267	125,161	-10.3%	602,326	767,542	-21.5%

SIX MONTHS (JULY-DECEMBER) OF THE FERTILIZER YEAR

	CANADIAN PRODUCERS 1990/91	'89/90	Change %	UNITED STATES PRODUCERS 1990/91	'89/90	Change %	TOTAL CANADIAN & U.S. PRODUCERS 1990/91	'89/90	Change %
Beginning Inventory	1,655,927	2,010,651	-17.6%	344,060	221,730	55.2%	1,999,967	2,232,381	-10.4%
(+) Production	3,711,081	3,458,775	7.3%	905,477	908,943	- .4%	4,616,558	4,367,718	5.7%
(-) Ending Inventory	1,402,938	1,759,494	-20.3%	326,636	333,961	-2.2%	1,729,574	2,093,455	-17.4%
(=) Total Disappearance	3,964,070	3,709,932	6.9%	922,901	796,712	15.8%	4,886,971	4,506,644	8.4%
(-) Exports	1,710,216	1,394,385	22.7%	333,305	228,177	46.1%	2,043,521	1,622,562	25.9%
(=) Disappearance-Canada & United States	2,253,854	2,315,547	-2.7%	589,596	568,535	3.7%	2,843,450	2,884,082	-1.4%

MONTH-END INVENTORIES - CANADIAN AND U.S. PRODUCERS
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	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
FY 1990/91	1,894	1,384	1,644	1,923	2,045	1,730						
FY 1989/90	2,232	1,748	2,002	2,142	2,391	2,093	2,059	2,174	2,111	1,998	2,014	2,000

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TOTAL BY U. S. AND CANADIAN PRODUCERS
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DECEMBER 1990

	PRODUCTION			ENDING INVENTORY December 31				DISAPPEARANCE		
	1990	DEC	1989	MINE SITE	OFFSITE	1990	1989	1990	DEC	1989
MURIATE										
Special Standard	9,122		12,815	8,602	29,214	37,816	32,441	10,460		8,153
Standard	164,687		215,570	245,196	147,080	392,276	708,222	252,580		236,569
Chemical	6,925		12,794	4,921	3,333	8,254	11,318	7,575		9,385
Coarse	139,878		180,644	146,389	370,373	516,762	476,178	184,192		399,344
Granular	225,391		242,751	309,741	222,762	532,503	623,464	344,330		307,103
Soluble	45,279		58,066	66,355	96,592	162,947	146,709	92,564		65,247
Sulphates	42,712		28,855	61,784	17,232	79,016	95,123	57,777		23,419
TOTAL:	633,994		751,495	842,988	886,586	1,729,574	2,093,455	949,478		1,049,220

	AGRICULTURAL SALES				NON-AGRICULTURAL SALES				TOTAL AG & NON-AG SALES	
	U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		DECEMBER	
	1990	DEC 1989	1990	DEC 1989	1990	DEC 1989	1990	DEC 1989	1990	1989
MURIATE										
Special Std	15	7	15,139	11,191	-	-	-	-	15,154	11,198
Standard	36,075	31,468	201,396	189,817	22,974	24,336	658	552	261,103	246,173
Chemical	-	-	-	-	4,762	6,204	612	549	5,374	6,753
Coarse	216,156	402,699	38,586	8,463	-	-	-	-	254,742	411,162
Granular	197,654	231,576	25,037	44,208	-	-	-	-	222,691	275,784
Soluble	35,717	41,683	2,691	6,193	18,474	10,344	23,486	12,902	80,368	71,122
Sulphates	17,436	12,667	39,490	7,732	278	519	57	71	57,261	20,989
TOTAL:	503,053	720,100	322,339	267,604	46,488	41,403	24,813	14,074	896,693	1,043,181

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	PRODUCTION			ENDING INVENTORY December 31				DISAPPEARANCE		
	1990	DEC	1989	MINE SITE	OFFSITE	1990	1989	1990	DEC	1989
MURIATE										
Special Standard	9,122		12,815	8,602	29,214	37,816	32,441	10,460		8,153
Standard	130,758		170,637	175,679	146,181	321,860	616,825	208,224		204,002
Chemical	6,235		12,219	4,740	3,333	8,073	10,089	7,022		8,544
Coarse	128,589		171,682	136,532	370,252	506,784	455,203	172,176		388,495
Granular	156,380		175,691	166,541	206,147	372,688	503,993	284,349		240,779
Soluble	42,377		56,138	59,125	96,592	155,717	140,943	86,617		60,898
TOTAL:	473,461		599,182	551,219	851,719	1,402,938	1,759,494	768,848		910,871

	AGRICULTURAL SALES						NON-AGRICULTURAL SALES						TOTAL AG & NON-AG SALES	
	U.S. & CANADA			EXPORTS			U.S. & CANADA			EXPORTS			DECEMBER	
	1990	DEC	1989	1990	DEC	1989	1990	DEC	1989	1990	DEC	1989	1990	1989
MURIATE														
Special Std	15		7	15,139		11,191	-		-	-		-	15,154	11,198
Standard	25,609		24,763	177,726		189,606	12,967		15,622	-		-	216,302	229,991
Chemical	-		-	-		-	4,185		5,375	612		537	4,797	5,912
Coarse	209,998		393,610	35,039		9,498	-		-	-		-	245,037	403,108
Granular	140,538		179,095	24,442		38,563	-		-	-		-	164,980	217,658
Soluble	31,992		38,738	2,345		6,193	16,379		10,362	23,486		12,902	74,202	68,195
TOTAL:	408,152		636,213	254,691		255,051	33,531		31,359	24,098		13,439	720,472	936,062

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	PRODUCTION			ENDING INVENTORY December 31				DISAPPEARANCE		
	1990	DEC	1989	MINE SITE	OFFSITE	1990	1989	1990	DEC	1989
MURIATE										
Standard	33,929		44,933	69,517	899	70,416	91,397	44,356		32,567
Chemical	690		575	181	-	181	1,229	553		841
Coarse	11,289		8,962	9,857	121	9,978	20,975	12,016		10,849
Granular	69,011		67,060	143,200	16,615	159,815	119,471	59,981		66,324
Soluble	2,902		1,928	7,230	-	7,230	5,766	5,947		4,349
Sulphates	42,712		28,855	61,784	17,232	79,016	95,123	57,777		23,419
TOTAL:	160,533		152,313	291,769	34,867	326,636	333,961	180,630		138,349

	AGRICULTURAL SALES						NON-AGRICULTURAL SALES						TOTAL AG & NON-AG SALES	
	U.S. & CANADA			EXPORTS			U.S. & CANADA			EXPORTS			DECEMBER	
	1990	DEC	1989	1990	DEC	1989	1990	DEC	1989	1990	DEC	1989	1990	1989
MURIATE														
Standard	10,466	6,705		23,670	211		10,007	8,714		658	552		44,801	16,182
Chemical	-	-		-	-		577	829		-	12		577	841
Coarse	6,158	9,089		3,547	-1,035		-	-		-	-		9,705	8,054
Granular	57,116	52,481		595	5,645		-	-		-	-		57,711	58,126
Soluble	3,725	2,945		346	-		2,095	(18)		-	-		6,166	2,927
Sulphates	17,436	12,667		39,490	7,732		278	519		57	71		57,261	20,989
TOTAL:	94,901	83,887		67,648	12,553		12,957	10,044		715	635		176,221	107,119